

**TO: Chairman and Members**

**DATE: January 17, 2013**

**SUBJECT: AB 900 Phase II Jail Construction Financing  
Program – Siskiyou County Time Extension**

**AGENDA ITEM: B**

**ACTION: X  
INFORMATION:**

**RESOURCE PERSON: Charlene Aboytes**

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**Summary:**

This agenda item informs the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) of Siskiyou County's ability to meet the site assurance requirement in the Assembly Bill (AB) 900 Phase II Request for Application – Construction or Expansion of County Jails.

**Background:**

AB 900 (Chapter 7, Statutes of 2007) provided for \$1.22 billion in lease-revenue bond financing for the construction of county jail facilities, with the funding authority divided into two phases. The Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) Board conditionally awarded Phase I funding to counties beginning in May 2008. Phase II funding was awarded to counties beginning in March 2012.

On October 7, 2011 CSA released the AB 900 Phase II Request for Applications – Construction or Expansion of County Jails, as approved by the CSA Board. The Request for Applications identified a series of specific project milestone requirements (e.g., county to provide assurance that the county has control of a project site within 90 days of award). Funded counties are required to meet these milestones, showing the progress of their construction project in the planning stages and leading up to actual construction. These required project milestones, along with a project schedule submitted with each application, allow for a project's progress to be tracked by BSCC staff, and subsequent reporting of the projects' status to the BSCC Board. In the case of a county's project not meeting the schedule or required milestones, it allows the Board to review that county's award status and take action as may be deemed appropriate.

Siskiyou County received a conditional award for AB 900 Phase II financing at the September 2012 BSCC meeting. At the subsequent November BSCC meeting, the Board approved the County's amended application. As indicated above, within 90 days from notice of award, counties must provide formal assurance that they have project site control through either ownership or comparable long-term possession. The 90 day period for Siskiyou County expires on February 14, 2013. At this time, they are unable to meet this deadline. See Attachment A for Siskiyou County's request for an extension time of nine months to meet this requirement.

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**Recommendation/Action Needed:**

Staff recommends the BSCC take the following actions:

- Approve the request from Siskiyou County for an extension of nine months to comply with the site assurance requirement.